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- Twenty-seven twin-engine aircraft, most of them covered with tarpaulins, were parked in an open square at the Cottbus (N 52/A 57) airfield on 21 February 1950 (see Annex).
Description: Three-bladed propeller, glazed cabin mounted on fuselage, beginning at leading edge of wings. Antenna rod on top of front section of cockpit, double rudder assembly. There was no flying between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. There were intermittent showers and the sky was overcast. Trucks _____ were seen at the field.

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- The mentioned planes were at the same place on 22 February 1950. Loud noise of engines and successive detonations were heard from the northeast between 11 and 11:30 a.m. and 3 and 4 p.m. when source left the field.
 - Three planes of the described type flew over the field at 3 p.m. heading east. About 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered, black epaulets were observed laying and removing mines north of the field. Twenty to thirty soldiers wearing red-bordered, black epaulets practiced with two machine guns mounted on tripods northeast of the field. The following motor vehicles were seen at the field: _____

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- Expansion work was being done toward the southwest. A worker employed there stated that the Cottbus Lauunion-Lued-Baustelle had charge of the project. No radio installations were observed. The kasernes north of the field were intact and occupied. From 40 to 60 trucks were parked in sheds. No sentries were seen. The fenced-in section north-west of the field was apparently occupied by a unit equipped with dogs.

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Comment:

a. This information seems credible as the number of observed aircraft approximately agrees with that mentioned in another report of 22 February 1950*. It is assumed that two regiments of the 301st Emr Div are stationed in Cottbus. This assumption is confirmed by _____

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b. The expansion work at the field was confirmed [REDACTED]

1 Annex: Cottbus Airfield

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Annex

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- 1 Occupied three-story buildings
- 2 Armory
- 3 Emergency garages for trucks
- 4 Storage sheds
- 5 Destroyed building
- 6 Tower, 15 m high
- 7 Fuel dump surrounded by a two-meter board fence
- 8 Flak Kaserne
- 9 Twenty-seven aircraft parked in three rows of nine each
- 10 Board fence

*** Wire fence

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